GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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BUNDELKHAND PACKAGE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the schemes for which funds have been provided under the special package for the Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) The amount of funds allocated and released for each State and the amount spent therefrom so far;

(c) Whether the said schemes have been implemented properly and reviewed by the Government;

(d) If so, the details thereof and along with measures taken by the government to check irregularities in the implementation of the said scheme; and

(e) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a): Yes, the Government of India approved a special package during the XI Five Year Plan to implement drought mitigation strategies in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. This special package has continued during XII Five Year Plan as well. Phase-I of implementation took place during the XI Five Year Plan and Phase-II is implemented during the XII Five Year Plan.
Approved projects in the following sectors were implemented both in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh states during the XI Plan period (Phase-I):
i) Water Resources ii) Watershed Management iii) Forest iv) Animal Husbandry and Dairy v) Rural Drinking Water vi) Agriculture and Horticulture
During XII Plan period (Phase-II) also projects in the above sectors have been approved for implementation. Additionally, projects in the Fisheries sectorare being implemented by Madhya Pradesh and in the Renewable Energy sector by Uttar Pradesh during Phase-II.

b):Allocation, Release and Amount spent during Phase-I and Phase-II in respect of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh packages is as under.

MADHYA PRADESH
(Rs. In crores)

Phase-I (as on date)			Phase-II		
Allocated	Released	Amount spent	Allocated	Released	Amount spent
1953.20	1942.36	1696.44	1884.50	350.01	145.90

UTTAR PRADESH
(Rs. In crores)

Phase-I (as on date)			Phase-II		
Allocated	Released	Amount spent	Allocated	Released	Amount spent
1695.76	1212.54	990.90	2515.50	250.17	6.67

(c):Yes. The schemes are monitored and reviewed by the National Rainfed Area Authority.

(d): The reports are sent to the respective State Government by the National Rainfed Area Authority. Implementation of the approved activities at the field level are monitored and reviewed regularly through periodical field visits by officers of National Rainfed Area Authority. The tour reports are sent to the respective State authorities for corrective action. Irregularities, if any, found during the field visits and other complaints received are communicated to the respective States for necessary action.

Further, during Phase-I of the package, the overall package activities were being reviewed by the Advisory Committee under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commissionand the Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of the Member, Planning Commission through periodical meetings. During Phase-II of the package, the activities are being reviewed by the Empowered Committee under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Planning Commission.

(e):Does not arise in view of (d) above.